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SUBJECT: OMANI INTEREST IN WATER AUGMENTATION PROGRAM

1. AMBASSADOR MAY INFORM ZAWAWI THAT BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
HAS BEEN SELECTED TO ASSIST IN STUDY
OF WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT OF TYPE REQUESTED.
ACCORDINGLY, FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
BUREC COMMISSIONER R. KEITH HIGGINSON HAS BEEN SENT TO
WILLIAM G. LYLES, JR., COORDINATOR, REIMBURSABLE DEVELOP-
MENT PROGRAM, AID:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. LYLES: THIS LETTER CONFIRMS DISCUSSIONS
HELD BETWEEN MR. DANIEL MACURA OF OUR DIVISION OF FOREIGN
ACTIVITIES, MR. DAVID WINN, OMAN DESK OFFICER, AND MR.
FRANK STEWART OF YOUR STAFF REGARDING THE POTENTIAL WATER
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AUGMENTATION PROGRAM FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF OMAN.

THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION CAN PROVIDE A SPECIALIST TO
REVIEW THE LOCAL SITUATION AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAM POTEN-
TIAL. TRAVEL AND EXPENSES MUST BE PERFORMED AT OMAN
EXPENSE OR UNDER SECTION 661 AUTHORITY.

A SIMILAR PROGRAM OF WATER AUGMENTATION IS PRESENTLY UNDER

WAY IN THE NEIGHBORING UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. FINAL
DESIGNS FOR THE PROJECT FACILITIES ARE NOW IN PREPARATION
AND CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1979.

IF THE PROPOSED FIELD EVALUATION RESULTS IN THE FORMULA-
TION OF A VIABLE PROJECT, WE WILL REQUIRE YOUR ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING NEW POSITIONS AUTHORIZED FOR THE DURATION OF
THE PROGRAM. SINCERELY YOURS, R. KEITH HIGGINSON, COMMIS-
SIONER. END QUOTE.

2. IF SUGGESTED PROGRAM APPEARS AGREEABLE TO ZAWAWI,
OMANIS SHOULD INITIATE REQUEST IN WRITING FOR SERVICES
OF BUREC SPECIALIST, WITH EXPENSES FOR INITIAL PROGRAM
REVIEW AND GUIDANCE TO BE BORNE BY OMANGOV. BUREC PER-
SONNEL ARE AVAILABLE ON FEW WEEKS NOTICE.

3. FYI: EXPENSES WOULD BE LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS FOR REVIEW REQUIRED, INCLUDING TRAVEL.
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